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A claim to the Convention Priority Date of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-243564, filed in Japan on August 30, 1999, was made at the time this United States application was filed. In order to complete the claim to Convention Priority Date under 35 U.S.C. 119, a certified copy of this Japanese Application is enclosed herewith.

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